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SUBJECT: AFGHAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR PREPARES FOR
NARCOTICS MEETING

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY CHRISTIAN MAGNUSSEN, THE U.N. NARCOTICS ADVISOR RESIDENT IN KABUL, THAT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR MEMBERS OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL WORKING-LEVEL COMMITTEE PREPARING FOR JULY'S FIRST MEETING OF THE "INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON AFGHAN NARCOTICS MATTERS" ARE MAJOR MOHAMMAD SIDDIQ WAHIDI, ACTING GENERAL COMMANDER OF POLICE, AND MR. FARUK YAQUBI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CRIMINAL AFFAIRS. THIS COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN ORDERED TO DESIGN AN OPIUM ERADICATION PROGRAM WHICH WOULD HAVE A REALISTIC EXPECTATION OF IMPLEMENTATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA). THUS FAR, ACCORDING TO MR. YAQUIBI, THE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSIONS HAVE FOCUSED ON THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM, RATHER THAN ON SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR AFGHANISTAN.

2. WE ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH YAQUBI, AND, ALONG WITH MAGNUSSEN, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO
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CONVINCE HIM OF THE MERITS OF A PROGRAM WHICH WOULD DESIGNATE THE HELMAND VALLEY AND MAYWAND AREA AROUND KANDAHAR AS THE PRIME LOCATIONS FOR THE GOA'S INITIAL NARCOTICS PRODUCTION CONTROL EFFORTS.
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